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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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Honorable Harley O. Staggers, Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request for the views and recommendations of this Agency on H.R. 968, "To establish a National Resource Information System, and for other purposes."

We are formulating our position with respect to the bill, and will send you our report as soon as it has been appropriately coordinated within the Executive branch.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

George L. Cary Legislative Counsel

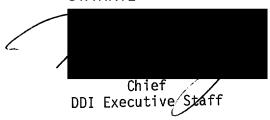
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Although I understand this bill has been considered before, I would like to pass to you these brief comments by OER.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chief, Executive Staff, DDI

SUBJECT

: Comments on H.R. 968

1. The passage of H.R. 968 establishing the Natural Resource Information System within the Department of Commerce may have some effect on the handling of CIA information reports and other memoranda on world resources. The bill provides for the establishment of public, confidential and secret libraries; the latter two would access natural resource information "which would be inconsistent with the national security" to make available to the general public. Although most of our data on world resources, with the exception of some estimates of Soviet gold production or other production estimates is unclassified, it is not clear how extensive their holdings might be of classified CIA reports pertaining to foreign natural resources. It may be useful for the Legislative Counsel to check on this point as well as security provisions concerning access to the confidential and secret libraries.

2. The Director of the proposed Bureau of Natural Resource Information is empowered under the bill to "promptly establish consultation, liaison, and exchange agreements with (1) all departments and agencies of the Federal Government". Thus it appears clear that CIA would be asked to supply pertinent information to the library systems.

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Deputy Director Economic Research 94TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 968

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 14, 1975

Mr. Roe introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committees on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and Interior and Insular Affairs

a bill

To establish a National Resource Information System, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That this Act, divided into titles and sections in accordance
- 4 with the following table of contents, may be cited as the
- 5 "Natural Resource Information Act".

TABLE OF CONTENTS

- Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Findings and purposes.
- Sec. 3. Definitions.

TITLE I—BUREAU OF NATIONAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

- Sec. 101. Additional definition.
- Sec. 102. Establishment of Bureau.
- Sec. 103. Functions of Secretary; delegation.
- Sec. 104. Director of Resource Information; duties.
- Sec. 105. Seal.
- Sec. 106. Functions and powers of the Bureau.

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Sir:

Enclosed are three copies of H.R. ... 968 which the Committee would appreciate a prompt report, together with such comment as you may desire to make.

Will you kindly transmit your reply in triplicate.

Respectfully,

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